

**Maryland Energy Administration
Clean Energy Economic Development Initiative
(CEEDI) Support Program**

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As Maryland moves to quickly build a vibrant clean energy sector and strives to create 100,000 “green-collar” jobs by 2015, the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) has created the Clean Energy Economic Development Initiative (CEEDI) Support Program to assist in the growth of a clean energy industry throughout the State. MEA is now accepting proposals from businesses and organizations who seek financial support for projects that will assist Maryland in meeting its goal of generating 20% of its energy from clean, renewable sources by 2022. This program will be supported through funding made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

1) Purpose

The CEEDI Support Program will provide funding opportunities to Maryland businesses and organizations that are in the process of advancing new technologies, job creation, and the furthering of consumer products and services related to the clean energy sector.

2) Eligible Applicants

Companies, businesses and corporations (non-profit corporations included) that are or will be located in Maryland.

3) Funding Type

Funding opportunities through the CEEDI Support program will come in the form of either a loan guarantee or grant. Please note though that is the preference of MEA to fund projects in form of revolving loans or loan guarantee. Applicants who require funding in the form of a grant will still be considered.

4) Scope and Funding Amount

There is no pre-determined limit on the amount of funding from a proposal request. Total funding available for the CEEDI Support Program is expected to be approximately \$7 Million, which will be distributed over a number of appropriate projects.

5) Proposal Submission Process

Proposals submitted for the CEEDI Support Program must define how requested funding from MEA will further Maryland’s clean energy objectives. Funding will only be given to entities that can provide sufficient information and documentation that their proposed projects meet at a minimum but not limited to, the following parameters:

- a. Number of full-time jobs sustained or created
- b. Time-table of project deployment (including permits and funding schedules) and associated performance measures
- c. The amount of clean energy generated from inception up to 10 years from funding
- d. Line itemed budget
- e. Proposed funding leverage
- f. Analysis of risk
- g. Geographical disbursement of the economic benefit throughout the state
- h. Discussion of whether project is consistent with smart-growth principles (identifying if project is to be located in priority-funding areas)
- i. The diversity of the clean energy technology deployed
- j. The impact on the environment including:
 - i. reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
 - ii. Impact on solid and hazard wastes
 - iii. Impact on water

MEA is starting to accept proposal now and final deadline is October 30, 2009. MEA will review proposals in three different stages. Review schedule is as follows:

First stage will take place after May 15th

Second stage after July 31st

Third stage after October 30th

MEA will evaluate and select projects for funding based on the program parameters listed above. MEA also reserves the right to offer applicants a funding amount lower than the amount requested. MEA anticipates allocating a third of the program's total available funding after each review stage has been conducted.

* Please Note: MEA anticipates that it will receive applications for a wide variety of projects. Because the scope of this program is broad and the goals are multi-faceted, MEA will need to balance many different factors in order to select the projects that best meet the overall goals of the program. For example MEA will balance economic development potential against projected energy generation (or energy savings) and readiness of project against potential long-term benefits. Because this is a complex process, not all evaluation criteria will be quantifiable.

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